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The Columbia fair was declared off last week on account of the rain.

Fayette and Glasgow are both preparing to organize Folk Clubs. Still they come.

The acreage of government lands in Missouri has decreased over 100,000 acres since 1890.

A Boone county farmer recently paid \$500 for the prize winning pair of mules at the Centraia fair.

The Mineral Wells Company has commenced the erection of bath houses near the pool at Fayette.

Joplin is to have a new afternoon paper which will support Folk and good government, also Benton for Congress.

The city council of Marshall refused to grant street privileges for a street fair, claiming that the effects were demoralizing.

An inquisitive editor has found out and declares that the new-fangled peek-a-boo shirt waist is about nineteenth peek and one-tenth boo!

Miss Dollie Burkholder of Hannibal won a cash prize of \$500 in a guessing contest conducted by a Boston magazine recently. And, what is more, she got the money.

Elder E. M. Richmond of the Fayette Christian Church, is making a number of speeches in the southern part of the state in the interest of Good Government and Folk for governor.

The Howard County Advertiser says "It's remarkable how a woman who has a dimple in her chin nearly always has one right above her knee." How in the duce do you know, gentlemen?

A roll of bills stopped a bullet which struck a Chicago man in the breast, thus saving his life. Yet there are reckless people, who will go right ahead day after day without a roll of bills on their person.—Brookfield Budget.

Mrs. Mary Hutchison of Livingston county celebrated her 95th birthday recently. She is the mother of eleven children, the grandmother of sixty, the great grandmother of 111 and the great great grandmother of two.

A Boone county man was fined recently for cursing a road overseer. If every man in this state were to be fined every time that he had cursed a road overseer, either to his face or behind his back, and all the money thus acquired were applied to road improvements the state's highways, instead of being among the worst in the country, would soon be paved as beautifully as those of the New Jerusalem.

## Folk or Nothing.

Thomas Miles, one of River-view's substantial farmers, gave the Democrat a pleasant call last Thursday. Mr. Miles is a close observer, and stated that in his neighborhood nearly every citizen, irrespective of politics, was for Joseph W. Folk for governor.

They argue that it is so seldom that an official has attempted to do his whole duty when elected to office, especially in St. Louis, that Mr. Folk stands out in bold array over all officials of record, while political and financial influences have laid their tempting bait to sway him from his honest course. He has proven that he was not purchasable, hence the factions who have been feeding upon the fat fried out of corporative slush funds used to corrupt legislative bodies, are his enemies, but the common people, who have watched the exposition of this class of office-holding leeches by Circuit Attorney Folk, are now determined to stand by him. To show that they believe in honesty in politics they will either demand for him just recognition or join in one vast host to bury beneath an avalanche of votes the ring or machine who seek to still further saddle upon them the scourge of corruption and boodlesism which even leaders cannot efface. Mr. Miles states that this is the general feeling and no power on earth will be able to stave it off. It is Folk or nothing, not only here, but all over the state of Missouri.

## Situation Summed Up.

The people of this State are now thoroughly aroused over the political situation. They have been brought to a sudden realization of the situation. The people of Missouri have been standing back and letting the politicians run things to suit themselves and they have come to the conclusion that affairs have been badly managed. The old time Missouri democrat is hard to arouse and harder still to convince that members of his party have been faithless to the trust imposed, but when he does become stirred he is mighty in his wrath. He will not soon forgive the men who have been instrumental in bringing the blush of shame to his state. When the farmers of the state take the interest that is now being evidenced and are organizing political clubs this early in the campaign it means something.

The politicians of the state in the speeches which they have made, try to evade the issue and say that the present feeling will die down. The politicians are mistaken. The people of Missouri are determined to work a great change. The next state assembly will be composed of honest men through and through, or the people will know why.—Howard County Advertiser.

Congressman Charles F. Cochran of St. Joseph, whose name has been spoken of in connection with the governorship, has come out unreservedly for Joseph W. Folk for Governor, and states that Folk has won the right to lead Democracy in the next campaign and is the strongest man the Democrats can find.

A Vandalia man said to a friend recently: "My wife is so much better than I am, that I don't see why she ever married me." When his friend agreed with him the man knocked him down.

In speaking of the splendid ability of Joseph W. Folk and his qualifications for the position of Governor of our grand old state, we do not attempt to find fault with the many who might fill the bill to the satisfaction of the Democracy of Missouri, but we do know that Circuit Attorney Folk has fulfilled the duties of his office without fear of consequences and against odds which ordinarily would baffle the efforts of an official with less tenacity than he has exercised. Besides he has proven himself incorruptible, and if these characteristics are not what the people demand in a public servant, what on earth do they want. The machine element will have to submit to the will of the people, or allow themselves to be classed as against reform and on the side of the dishonest element who insist on boodlesism and grafting. It is coming to a test—Folk or nobody.

An Illinois steer found a stick of dynamite in the grass near a rock quarry and tried to eat it. The papers say that while being chewed it exploded and blew the steer into "kingdom come." Portions of the body were found in the trees of the vicinity, and only one horn was all that could be found of the head. This is a warning to steers which persist in turning their backs on green pastures.

The Mexico Ledger thinks that city is becoming more like New York every day, and as a proof states that "two automobiles were on their streets at the same time the other day." That's an every day occurrence here. Why, bless you, an automobile ran off on our streets, this week, with an editor on board.

The Platte County Argus asks, "If an elephant, according to his size, could hop as far as a flea, where would the elephant land if he hopped westward with all his might from the front of the Platt county court house?" Mail your replies to the society editor. The animal editor is on his vacation.

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